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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Shu-Hiu CHEN et al. Confirmation No: 6980  
Appl. No. : 09/880,801  
Filed : June 15, 2001  
Title : SAMPLE ANALYSIS SYSTEM WITH CHIP-BASED  
ELECTROPHORESIS DEVICE  
  
TC/A.U. : 1713  
Examiner : L.S. Choi  
  
Docket No.: CHEN3223/REF  
Customer No: 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of October 19, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. This response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.